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Via ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Joint Application for Assignment of Domestic Section 214
Authority From Merrimac Communications, Ltd. to
TDS Metrocom, LLC, WC Docket No. 17-343

Dear Ms. Dortch:

At the request of the Wireless Competition Bureau staff, TDS Metrocom, Inc. (“TDS Metrocom”) hereby supplements its portion of the pending Joint Application as follows:

1. TDS Metrocom supplements its response required under Section 63.04 of the FCC’s rules to note that both it and its parent company Telephone and Data Systems Inc. (“TDS”) are Delaware corporations. It further supplements its response to state that the Trustees of the Voting Trust which control TDS have no involvement with telecommunications other than those interests referred to in TDS’s Form 602, FCC Ownership Disclosure Information for the Wireless Telecommunications Services, on file with the FCC.

2. TDS Metrocom also supplements its response required under Section 63.04 of the FCC’s Rules with respect to BlackRock, Inc. The Joint application noted that BlackRock, Inc. and its affiliates reported sole voting activity with respect to an aggregate of 15,083,558. TDS Common shares, are sole investment authority with respect to an aggregate of 16,073,333 TDS Common shares, representing approximately 15.6% of the outstanding TDS Common shares. TDS Common shares vote on the election of four of TDS’s 12 directors.

The Wireless Competition Bureau staff requested information regarding other telecommunications companies in which BlackRock may hold direct or indirect interests in excess of 10 percent. Based on an examination of BlackRock’s relevant SEC Forms 13F and Forms SC 13G/A and other publicly available online information, and information on file with

the FCC, TDS reports as follows regarding communications companies in which BlackRock holds interests:

- CalAmp Corp. (in which Blackrock holds approximately 10.50 percent), which provides teleomatics and other solutions in broad geographic areas;
- Comtech Telecommunications Corp. (in which BlackRock holds approximately 10.13 percent), which provides business services inside and outside the United States;
- General Communication, Inc. (in which BlackRock holds approximately 12.68 percent), which provides residential and business telecommunications services throughout Alaska;
- Inteliquent, Inc. (in which Blackrock holds approximately 11.74 percent), which provides voice and data services throughout the United States;
- Iridium Communications, Inc. (in which BlackRock holds approximately 12.22 percent), which provides satellite services globally;
- Entervision Communications Corp. (in which Blackrock holds approximately 11.5 percent), which owns Spanish language television and radio stations;
- Boingo Wireless, Inc. (in which BlackRock holds approximately 10 percent), provides Mobile Internet access for wireless – enabled consumer devices;
- ATN International, Inc. (in which BlackRock holds approximately 10.2 percent), provides wireless and wireline connectivity to residential, business and carrier antennas, advanced data services to residential and business customers, terrestrial and submarine fiber optic transport to carrier and large enterprise customers and “distributed” solar electric power to corporate, utility, and government customers;
- Vonage Holdings Corp (in which BlackRock holds 11.6 percent), provides communications services connecting people through cloud connected services worldwide. It offers various business services, including basic dial tone, call queue, conferencing, call groups, mobile functionality, CRM integration, and detailed analytics as well as “Vonage Essential” services;
- Frontier Communications Corp. (in which BlackRock holds 12.4 percent), provides local and long distance telephone service. It also offers broadband internet, digital television service, and computer technical support to residential and business subscriber throughout the United States.

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- ViaSat, Inc. (in which BlackRock holds 10.6 percent), provides satellite broadband services and secure networking systems covering military and commercial markets. ViaSat also owns and operates Exede Internet, a satellite internet provider.

Please contact the undersigned if there are additional questions concerning these matters.

Very truly yours,



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